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9. (Amended) In a worklight having a housing including an interior portion for holding a light source, said housing presenting at least one exterior surface and said light source operating at a temperature raising said at least one exterior surface to a temperature that is hot to human touch during normal operation of the worklight, the improvement comprising:

a transparent protective covering disposed in a readily visible location at said at least one exterior surface;

a thermochromic substance disposed between said transparent protective covering and said at least one exterior surface; and

a thermal moderator disposed between said thermochromic substance and said at least one exterior surface;

wherein said thermochromic substance is in thermal communication with at least a portion of said at least one exterior surface through said thermal moderator and is formulated to undergo a conspicuous color change in response to heat from said at least one exterior surface during normal operation of said worklight, said conspicuous color change revealing an indication that said at least one exterior surface is of a temperature hot to human touch.

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